

**641—101.2(144) Attending physician not available.** An associate physician, who relieves the attending physician while on vacation or otherwise unavailable, may certify to the cause of death in any case where the associate physician has access to the medical history of the case, provided that the associate physician views the deceased at or after death occurs and the death is from natural causes. In all other cases in which a physician is unavailable, the medical examiner shall prepare the medical certification of cause of death.